

## Annual Report 2019

### Councillor Stuart Hutchinson - West Wight Ward

My large and very rural ward covers 14 separate communities and three Town and Parish Councils, of Calbourne, Shalfleet and Yarmouth. I attend and report each month to each Council on the work of IWC. I also work with them on issues of local concern.

I have been pleased to see two small housing developments in the ward starting on site after many years of review. One providing a mix of housing including low cost 1 and 2 bedroom apartments and some sheltered housing, the other with low cost housing for rental. Both developments offer priority for local people.

During the course of the year I've continued to advise and personally assist many residents with problems including housing, council tax, planning and highways, have acted as an advocate for them to the council and am pleased to have helped to achieve a successful resolution for them in most cases.

As well my ward work I continue to be the Council's Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, serve on the Appeals Committee, the Newport Harbour Board (as well as locally on the Yarmouth Harbour Advisory Committee), the member Review Boards for Waste management, and Highways Performance, the staff Joint Consultative Group and Ryde regeneration.

Although in such a large ward it isn't feasible to hold surgeries, my contact details are widely publicised, through press, local societies and parish magazines. It's now a notable feature that most residents' preferred means of contact - even very elderly ones - is email. Contact on ward matters varies from a few emails each week to dozens when an issue of general concern arises. I read and review every one and always respond when a reply is called for, whether that is for help, information or simply my view on an issue.

Stuart Hutchinson  
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